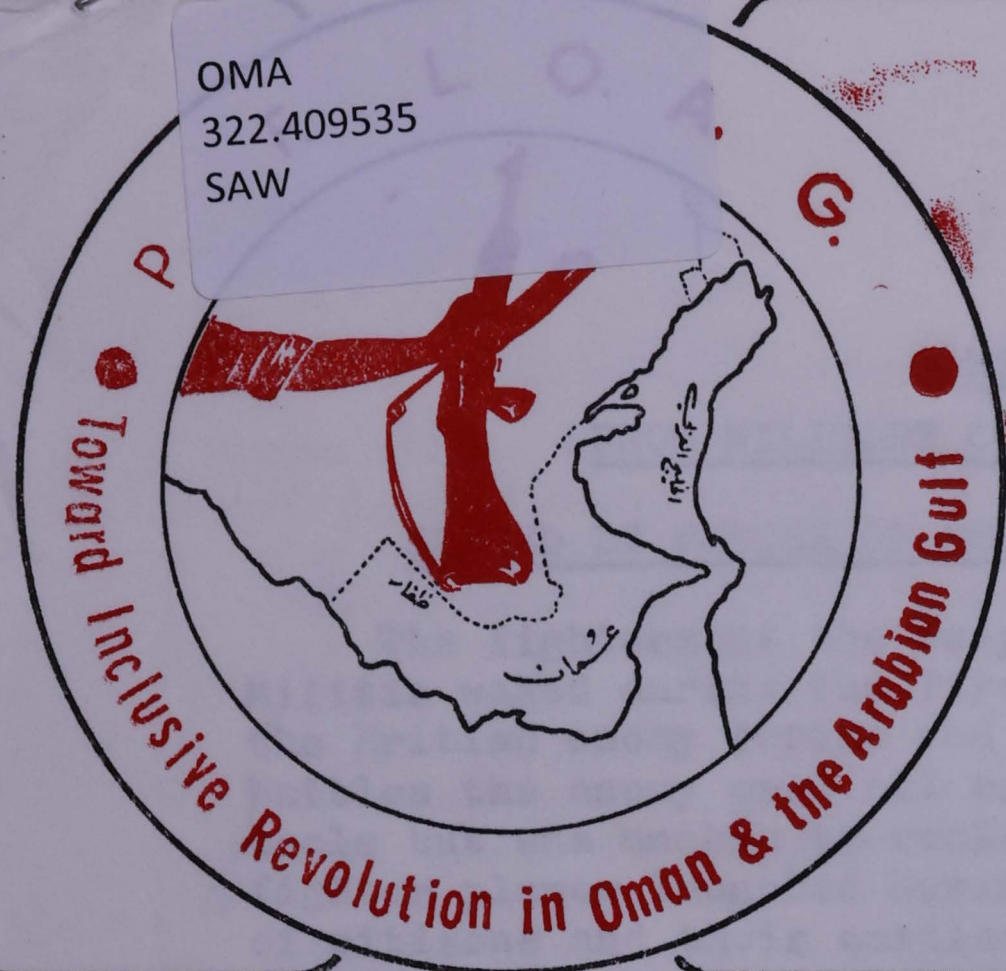


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MILITARY REPORT

FROM MILITARY COMMUNIQUE NO. 176 to 190/73

ISSUED BY FORCES OF PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY DHOFAR REGION

The fighters of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia waged during the first week of April fierce battles against the British enemy forces and their mercenaries. During these battles the enemy used all repressive means and military destructive tools but was unable to realise his strategic targets. The enemy fighter planes launched during the week inhuman raids on the villages of citizens and their cattle as a retaliatory action from the armless inhabitants in order to weaken their steadfastness. This due to the hysterical state that overcame the enemy forces as a result of the blows directed to him by our patriots who launched throughout the first days of April several fierce attacks on the enemy centres at Admi, north of the British air base in Sallalah, at Hasl in the south of the Red Line and Abu Khuseifa, north-west of the air base. The military operations launched by the fighters of the People's Liberation Army extended to the Eastern Region to cover enemy centres at Sharkh where a seige was struck around the enemy forces which did not manage to open the seige except after seeking the help of the fighter planes.

The most significant operations launched by our patriot revolutionaries were the lightning operations in which the snipers played a leading role. These included several attacks successful launched which astonished the enemy made him live in a hysterical state. The following is detail of these operations:-

CENTRAL REGION:

The fighters of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia launched on 1st April an attack on the enemy centre at Hasl, south of the Red Line. The attack continued for hours from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. during which heavy machine-guns were used reinforced by mortars. At the same time a sniping group was advancing to snipe members of the enemy inside the centre. As a result of this operation the enemy suffered heavy losses in life and military equipment in addition to the setting of fire to his tents. As a result of the heavy losses the enemy fighter planes dropped their destructive bombs and rockets on the battle area but without realising any remarkable target. Our forces also launched another operation on the enemy centre at Admi, north of the British air base in Sallalah. During this operation a medium machine-gun post was destroyed and another was silenced and four enemy members were killed and wounded. During the clash of our forces with the enemy forces at Admi another force of ours attacked the enemy centre at Hasl and tried to cordone and besiege the enemy. But the enemy forces sought the help of the British air force to open the seige. Three defensive positions of the enemy were destroyed during this operation. Our forces operating in the Central Region also launched several operations on the enemy centres at the air base where the enemy suffered heavy losses including the destruction of two 81-mm artillery positions a medium machine-gun and a wireless set and the death and injury of 11 enemy members. As is the habit of the enemy the air force combed the area but without realising any target.

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Our patriots launched on 1.4.73 an artillery attack on the enemy centre at Abu Khuseifa. The attack was strong and concentrated on the enemy centre resulting in the escape of the enemy to rear positions. Two positions were destroyed with their crew and a watch post and the death and injury of seven enemy members.

WESTERN REGION:

In the East of the Region, our forces besieged the enemy forces heavily that the enemy was unable to move from his position at Sharkh where our fighters launched several operations on the enemy centre. The enemy used in these operations all repressive military tools to break the seige including fighter planes which as usual launch retaliatory raids on the peaceful masses of the people. The enemy suffered the destruction of four fortified positions and the silencing of a three-knot artillery gun and a medium machine-gun and the setting up of fire to his tents.

TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES DURING THESE OPERATIONS WERE:

- 1) Death and injury of 62 enemy members
- 2) Destruction of 23 enemy defensive positions
- 3) Destruction of two medium machine-gun posts and the silencing of two other posts.
- 4) Silencing of a three-knot artillery gun

This is in addition to the destruction of a watch post and a wireless set and the setting up of fire to his centres at Sharkh, Adni and the British air base.

OUR LOSSES DURING THESE OPERATIONS:

There were no casualties but wide areas of grazing places of the citizens were burnt in addition to the injury of two cows of one of the citizens as a result of the insane shelling carried out by the British aircraft on the peaceful citizens.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEES IN SUPPORT OF
THE REVOLUTION IN OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF IS REGAR-
DED TO CRYSTALISE THE VICTORIES OF OUR PEOPLE TO
BREAK THE INFORMATION EMBARGO.

SULTANATE OF OMAN:

THE BRITISH AND IRANIANS TAKE UP MILITARY POSITIONS
IN SULTANATE'S ARMY

After the foreign involvement in our country which is resembled in the Iranian, British and Jordanian invasion which took place with the consent of Qaboos and his men in Muscat and after the formation of the so-called Defence Council which is composed of British officers, confirmed reports reached the front from well-informed sources saying that this council issued as a first step a resolution calling for the re-designation of the army commands from higher commands to battalion commands and that these positions are not to be taken by misguided persons but be given to British, Iranian and Baluch officers only.

This resolution came after the successful victories by the People's Liberation Army on one hand and after the misguided persons saw the "foreign involvement" in our country and the bad and harsh treatment exercised against them by the British and Iranian officers which treatment was resembled recently in the dissolution of the so-called national divisions and the expulsion of their families from Kheisal camp.

This resolution points out two important points:-

1) The puppet Sultanate became not trusting even those area citizens collaborating with it and as such foreign involvement increased to the maximum by the appointment of foreign officers as commanders of military battalions.

2) Those misguided persons became living in a state of indignation after seeing by themselves the extent of foreign involvement in our country and felt the lies of the Sultanate which it was giving to the masses of our people and which were revealed by the admissions of Qaboos himself and the stubborn reality against which all lies of the puppets are smashed.

BAHRAIN:

STRIKE IN BAHRAIN AIRPORT

A general strike was declared in Bahrain in the beginning of this month by the workers and employees of Bahrain international airport. The demands of the strikers concentrated on increase of wages and rejection of the bad treatment by the British employees.

It is to be recalled that these demands, in addition to the union demand, have had the Bahrain Government delay steps for realising them since the huge workers strike in March, 1972. The Government there even took steps to break such peaceful move very brutally.

The strikers also demand an end to brutal British orders resembled in not speaking in the Arabic language and in the event that an employee or worker becomes sick and takes a sick leave he has to work on his holiday instead of that day.

The Bahraini government is still insisting upon not accepting to increase the wages in spite of the soaring up of prices madly, and freezes wages.

MUSCAT:

TIGHTENING OF FOREIGN GRIP ON RULE IN MUSCAT

Oman newspaper published in Muscat on 24th March, 1973, published a report saying that Qaboos issued orders for the appointment of Mr. Townsend as Financial Affairs Secretary in the Sultanate.

The appointment of this man comes to complete the British plan aiming at making all affairs of the Sultanate administered by the British after administering them behind the curtains. The deterioration of the awkward situation in the Sultanate made them appear in the surface.

After this the British would have tightened their grip around all military, economic and security positions in the so-called Defence Council which is preparing to launch a long-term war against the people's revolution.

OMAN:

ENACTMENT OF EXPERIENCES OF JORDANIAN MOBILISATION
ON OMANI STUDENTS

A military mission composed of 18 students whose ages range between 15 and 20 years left Muscat at the end of last month for Jordan. They will spend in Jordan a period ranging between two and six years after which they will come to work in the ranks of the forces of the Sultanate.

Such missions come to endorse the role of the puppet Jordanian government which is trying to implant in these young lads and youth all hatred for the masses and progress by injecting them and white-washing their brains within the methods of Jordanian mobilisation which appeared clearly in the Black September operations against the commandos.

OMAN:

REACTIONARY FRONT FROM GULF RULERS AGAINST REVOLUTION

"Nida al-Janoub", mouthpiece of the mercenaries and Saudi puppets published a report on the visit by Qaboos to the Gulf States and the aid extended to him for reinforcing the mercenary forces. The report said that such aid is a proof that the Heads of these Emirates became aware of the "Communist danger" threatening the Arabian Gulf and in particular the Sultanate of Oman (...) through contribution in the military effort by the army (WAF French agency 17th April, 1973).

This new reactionary move which took place during the visit of Qaboos to the Gulf states only clearly expresses the extent of the deterioration of the situation in the Sultanate and the lies launched by their information machineries on one hand and expresses on the other the extent of the cohesion of the reactionary front which concentrated recently in backing the puppet Sultanate whether by direct military interference or financial aid.

PAKISTAN

BAHRAINI STUDENTS IN PAKISTAN CONDEMN
REACTIONARY AUTHORITY AND SUPPORT FRONT

A branch for the National Union of Bahraini Students was established in Lahore in Pakistan on 10th March, 1973. The first general meeting issued a statement in which it backed the patriotic struggle waged by our workers and supported the struggles of the Bahraini masses in their democratic demands. It announced in its first resolution support for the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

BEIRUT:

TALK BY REPRESENTATIVE OF P.F.L.O.A.G. TO LEBANESE
L'ORIENT LE JOUR NEWSPAPER

The French-language Lebanese newspaper L'Orient Le Jour published an interview with Comrade Mohammad bin Abdel Illah, official spokesman and member of the Executive Committee of P.F.L.O.A.G.

Comrade Mohammad bin Abdel Illah denied the reformatory and liberal shape given to Qaboos and said: although his father was an oppressor yet he did not go to the extent of handing over the country to the mercenaries.

Comrade Mohammad bin Abdel Illah said: We adhere and stick to the principles of scientific socialism but it did not come to our minds to check off Islam as Islam is our spiritual and cultural heritage and is part and parcel of our traditions which rule the society of Oman. Comrade Mohammad bin Abdel Illah affirmed in the name of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf: we do not publicise for any side and those who help us have not expressed their desire at all to fight with us or to fight in place of us.

The same newspaper published in the same issue an interview with Qaboos in which he repeated the same lies previously made by him and started to contradict himself by his statements made last March in which he confirmed the presence of Iranian forces and now confirmed that there is not even one Iranian soldier in Dhofar.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

The Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf sent a message of condolence to Comrade Yasser Arafat, Leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and the members of the Executive Committee of the Palestine National Liberation Movement Fateh, in which it condoled them on the martyrdom of the patriots of the Palestinian people. The following is the text of this message:-

"In the name of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf we pay homage to the martyrdom of the patriots of the Palestinian people - Kamal Nasser, Youssef Annagar, Kamal

Kamal Adwan and other martyrs as a result of the Zionist attack on Beirut.

The attack recently by Israel on Beirut was only one of its continued bids to terrorise the Palestinian people and liquidate their revolution and as a result of the increase of the activities of the Palestinian revolutionaries recently.

Our people sends warm condolences and revolutionary solidarity with the Palestinian people and are completely confident that all attempts by Israel and the imperialists will not harm the Palestinian people or their armed revolution and will only increase the determination of this people to adhere to the arms and propel their revolution. We are fully confident that victory will be your ally.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN AND
ARABIAN GULF.

ADEN: ON CONGRESS OF SUPPORT COMMITTEES

It has been decided to hold the opening session of the Congress of the Committees in Support of the Revolution in Oman and the Arabian Gulf at the hall of the Grand Hotel in Revolution Yemen on 16th April, 1973 at 5.00 p.m.

This will be the first congress of its type in the history of the revolution and is likely to be attended by delegations representing committees in support of the revolution in the world as follows:-

1) NORTH AMERICA: The committees are composed of Arab university students and of Arab workers (Yemen) and in a secondary manner between some Arab and American teachers belonging to some leftist affiliations.

2) WESTERN EUROPE: The Support Committees are mainly composed of Arab students and workers and some progressive personalities in some countries (Germany) from some new left organisations.

3) ARAB COUNTRIES: Support Committees exist in Kuwait, and are composed of Arab student organisations and national personalities. A support committee also exists in Beirut and is composed of representatives of all Lebanese democratic organisations (about 31 organisations and parties), a support committee in Damascus composed of representatives of massive parties and organisations and recently a committee was formed in Algeria.

4) SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES: The Support Committees here exist in Sweden, Denmark and are mostly formed of Arab students and some progressive personalities.

5) SOCIALIST COUNTRIES: The committees existing in these Socialist countries (Moscow, Kiev and Warsaw) are formed of the students of Oman, the Arabian Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula. Recently a committee in support of the Revolution was established in Switzerland and another in Mogadiscio.

Delegations started to come to Aden. This congress comes to crown the extensive activity carried out by the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf to break the isolation ring imposed on it by the forces of imperialism and local reaction throughout the past years of the age of the revolution at both internal and external levels. In spite of all this the revolution was able to break this ring and make all peace and progress-lovers support the national struggle of our people.

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THERE IN OMAN

QABOOSITE-JORDANIAN TERRORISM

A special message from Oman

New reports leaked from Muscat despite the embargo struck on the Sultanate, about the recent arrest campaign launched by the reactionary authorities at the beginning of this year and the filthy methods followed by the Jordanian intelligence and the extent of cooperation between the Qaboosite intelligence machineries and the Saudi intelligence machineries.

One of the judges was arrested at Mecca while performing pilgrimage and was sent back by the Saudi intelligence to the Sultanate of Oman in view of this close cooperation between the reactionaries. In spite of all denials by the authority and its accusation against the nationalists of Communism and other accusations, yet the authority comes to reveal its lies by arresting men of religion and spreading its mercenaries around the mosques after the prayers of the past Idd and arresting citizens. This made the town of Soor in the first time of its history to stop the slaying of sacrifices and to turn the Idd into a mourning place.

However, the authority arrested a number of female citizens and this was admitted by Qaboos himself. But he ignored in his statement the huge demonstration which included men and women who went to the fort of the Governor but while on the way they were intercepted by the army which started opening fire overhead. But they continued their procession upto the headquarters of the governor. The second day the authority arrested some citizens including Mohammad Khamis Bakheet, Mohammad Khamis, Mubarak Khater, Juma'ah Abdullah Saleem in addition to female citizens Su'ad Mussalan Juma'ah and Salmah Bakheet Rahee bringing the number of arrested female citizens to eight.

The authorities turned Soor hospital into barracks for the army and a search centre while boasting and spreading propaganda on development and progress extended by Qaboos to the people.

Meanwhile, indignation increases all over the Sultanate of Oman as a result of the forcing invasion of the country and the presence of the Jordanian, Iranian and Saudi armies and British bases while the colonialist authorities prepare to prevent the citizens at Masirah island from building houses for them. It is worth recalling that on this strategic island live about 2,500 citizens in caves made of tin and tikber and were prevented by the authorities from building houses for them from clay or cement. Reports now circulate about the intention of the authority to evacuate the inhabitants of Masirah from the island so that the atmosphere becomes free for the British base whose members exceed in number 1,500 soldiers and officers. From this base American military planes proceeding to Indo-China take their supplies.

The authority tried to destroy the national morale of our people as part of the Jordanian terroristic methods. After the police found some weapons they tried to impress the people that they discovered huge caches of arms. They then kept these weapons in some places and bring the prisoners to those places in a bid to destroy the political detainees, morally. But our masses discovered this trick.

When this method failed the authority did not find as an alternative except the method used by the puppet Jordanian regime against militant AbuDawood. It started to collect information displayed by it through some documents or through the British intelligence and then try to attribute this information to the militants in order to shake the confidence of people in the firm and solid elements which terrorised the Jordanian intelligence with their steadfastness in spite of all methods of torture.

In the face of all this failure faced by the Jordanian intelligence either at the level of the masses or at the level of the nationalist detainees, the authority turned to the implementation of Nazi methods. It brought the wives of the detainees and use them as a weapon for wresting confessions from the solid militants. It brings the women and takes off the clothes from them in front of their husbands and brothers and commit immoral crimes against them in order to wrest from the detainees any information about the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf.

These methods which are far away from the reality and character of our people and the filthy methods and means of the Jordanian intelligence made the citizens repeatedly say: Mercy of God on Saeed bin Taimour. He was better than his son.

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